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BETA-GALACTOSIDE ACTIVITY

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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

1.	This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of 1 months to respond to the Office Action dated April 22, 2003.			
2.	Applicant is	a small entity;	other than a small entity.	
3.	Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(a)(5)):			
	Total Months	Fee For Other	Fee for	
	Requested	Than Small Entity	Small Entity	Dr.
\boxtimes	one month	\$110.00	\$55.00	RECEIVED
	two months	\$410.00	\$205.00	IVED
	three months	\$930.00	\$465.00	AUG a
	four months	\$1,450.00	\$725.00	AUG 2 5 7003
	five months*	\$1,970.00	\$985.00	ECH CEAU
four months \$1,450.00 \$725.00 five months* \$1,970.00 \$985.00 *Cannot be used to exceed six-month statutory limit for response to an Official Action. A check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed. Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for the extension fee				
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